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BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
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SUPPORTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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The Southeast Chapter Blacks in Government is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to advocate, educate and empower Blacks in Federal, State and local government; and provide outreach to the community it serves through educational, employment and networking opportunities.

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America Without Walls
*Exposing Racism In Light of
Social Justice*



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 2006

Inside Highlights

- Black Film Festival Schedule
- Seattle Presents
- Fashion Show
- Workshops
- Music
- Quilt Exhibit
- Youth PC Building Contest
- Semi-formal Dinner and Dance

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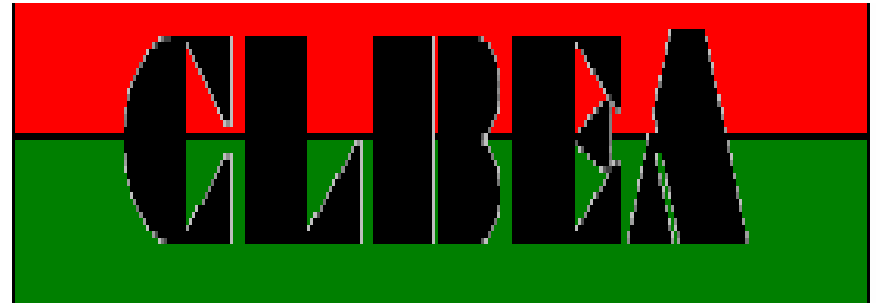


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*City Light Black Employees Association's purpose is
to provide a vehicle for Black employees of Seattle
City Light to discuss and select strategies that will
address professional, educational, political and
racial issues that affect them as a minority
employee of the utility.*

Regular meetings of the City Light Black Employees Association are generally held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Members will be given a minimal 14 days notice of upcoming meetings.

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The Association for the Improvement
of Minorities (AIM-IRS)
Jackson Federal Building
915 Second Ave., W696
Seattle, WA 98174



EVENT ORGANIZERS

Cultural Awareness Workshops: Shakur Daboe and Tokunbo Fatuga
Fashion Show: Fay Alexander and Linda Galloway
Film Festival: Rose Smith
Jazz Quartet: Sharon King
Quilt Show: Gloria Binn and Cynthia Fowler
SCL Luncheon: Mary Flynn and CLBEA
Seattle Presents: Michelle Blackmon and Nate Brown
Semi-Formal Dance: Dee Brown and Pat Johnston
Youth PC Building Contest: Roxanne Buchanan

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BHMC Mission

BHMC mission is:

- to provide the general public an opportunity to learn more about Black heritage;
- showcase products of African and African American ethnic origin;
- allow all City employees an opportunity to celebrate cultural diversity;
- offer Black owned businesses exposure to a wider customer base.



Behind the Theme

America Without Walls-Exposing Racism in Light of Social Justice was inspired by current events of racial profiling, health and economic barriers affecting African Americans, the hurricane Katrina disaster and the City's effort to transform the City's programs, services and opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities. The goal is a City enriched by its diverse cultures, with full participation by all its residents.

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Local 17 Salutes the Black History Month Celebration

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This local union is the second largest in the IFPTE and wields considerable influence. Local 17 is operated in accord with the rules defined in its constitution and policies. Constitutional changes are made by a membership wide vote. Policies are enacted by the appropriate governing or administrative entities of the local.

IFPTE Local 17
2900 Eastlake Ave. E. Suite 300
(800) 783-0017
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History of the Black History Month Celebration

Since the mid-1980's African American employees have given time and resources to promote cultural awareness and inspire a sense of unity in the community through a series of events in February celebrating Black History Month.

Several City departments deliver programs or show support through attendance and donations. An event that began last year was the 2005 First Annual Semi-Formal Dinner and



Dance [participants pictured above] held in the Bertha Knight Landes Room located in the new Seattle City Hall and sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities.

As our community grows, so does the challenge to closely collaborate and coordinate with other scheduled events. Technology has helped to bridge the communications gap and improve collaboration. The Black History Month council of volunteer employees from City departments established a web site at :

<http://www.seattle.gov/blackhistory/2006>.

It hosts a calendar of events, program participants and much more.

February 2006

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Lunch-time Concerts

Seattle City Hall - 600 4th Ave.
First and third Thursdays - Noon to 1 p.m.

February 2

City Hall Opera

Featuring Korla Wygel — an exceptional vocalist with a warm heart and a soft touch who will make you feel the music as it is supposed to be felt.

February 16

Seattle Coral Company — The Seattle Choral Company, directed by Fred Coleman, will expose the audience to gifted African American composers who have taken the spiritual to a whole new level. They will be joined by guest choir, The Sound of the Northwest, directed by Juan Huey-Ray, in performances of spirituals arranged by Harry Thacker Burleigh, Jester Hairston, Moses Hogan, and Adolphus Hailstork.



February 2006 Schedule

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FILM FESTIVAL

**2006
City of Seattle
Black History Month**

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FILM FESTIVAL



All Events 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

At the following locations:

Event 1: Feb. 3- Yesler Community Center

Event 2: Feb. 10- West Bridge

Event 3: Feb. 17- Yesler Community Center

Event 4: Feb. 24- Densmore

Film Schedule

11:30 am- Welcome

**11:45 am- From Dreams to Reality
(Minority Inventors) TRT 18:00**

Intermission

**12:10 pm- Fighter for Freedom
(the Frederick Douglas story) TRT 19:00**

Intermission

**12:35 pm- Getting Started
(Genealogical Research) TRT 15:00**

Intermission

**12:50 pm
Portrait of Homer Harris
(Seattle Channel 21 feature)
TRT 16:27**

**1:20 pm
Program Ends**

Hot Dogs, Chips, Pop \$1.00

Sweet Potato Pie \$2.00 slice & \$10.00 per pie

Questions? Contact Rose Smith—206-684-0634

YOUTH PC BUILDING CONTEST

Technology Integration *"PC Building"* Contest

Contest Summary: Build a PC from scratch, Connect to server, pull down file, get on Internet and send file via email to judges: "The Eagle Has Landed".

City of Seattle Employees
Black History Month Celebration
Youth Day, PC Building Contest

Date: Friday, February 24, 2006

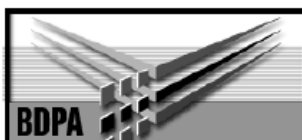
Place: Safeco Jackson Street Center
306 23rd Ave S - Seattle, WA

Time: 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Awards | Prizes | Presentation 2:45 pm



Age Group:
Junior High through
High School.



Skill Set:
Beginning & Experienced
in hardware,
software, and
internet technologies.

PC Building Registration and Orientation @ www.bdpaseattle.org.

For additional information, contact
President_bdpaseattle@hotmail.com



PC Building Orientation
Introduction to the internals of a PC;
Outline the necessary parts and
configuration of a PC;

A guide to upgrading a PC;

Q/A building a PC with the

necessary parts and configuration -
emailed to President_bdpaseattle@hotmail.com



Competition Time Frame:

15 mins Building PC

30 mins Installing OS/Configuration

30 mins Network & Internet Connectivity

15 mins 1 breaks @ 15mins

90 mins One Hours & Thirty Minutes Total.

www.bdpaseattle.org

Questions? Contact Roxanne Buchanan—206-684-0616



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It injures the hater more
than it injures the hated.*
-- Coretta Scott King



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FASHI ON SHOW

February 21, 2006

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

City Hall—Bertha Knight Landes Room

**A Paula Williams Production presented
by BHMC**

Fashion Show Models -

Katrina Freeman a Seattle Designer, Patricia Collins,
Yolanda Chapman, Teresa Roscoe, Elizabeth Hunter,
Tantanese Knox, Chanel Patterson, Tanzy Whiteside

Also featuring a poem presented by Sean Mitchell

Questions? Contact Linda Gallo — 206-386-1744
or Fay Alexander — 206-684-8244

QUILT EXHIBIT

February 21, 2006

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

City Hall—Bertha Knight Landes Room

Featuring quilts from employees
of various City of Seattle departments,
the display will also include
the City Diversity Quilt
from the City Diversity Team.

Questions? Contact Cynthia Fowler — 206-233-5175
or Gloria Binn — 233-2583



SCL LUNCHEON, MUSIC & WORKSHOP

Date: Friday, February 17, 2006

Time: 11:00 AM—1:30 PM

Place: South Service Center
Seattle City Light

Speaker: Clarence Smith, Minister at Greater Glory

Caterer: chef Jamil-Cajun Creole Catering Contact 206-251-8267 or chef_Jemil63@yahoo.com

Soloist: Introducing 11- year-old Jordon Bolden of Renton, Soloist, and Parks Department finalist to appear on *Stars of Tomorrow*, a special feature of Showtime at the Apollo." in New York.

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Questions? Contact Mary Flynn—206-386-1683

TTAPP CENTRAL

February 22

Noon—1:00 p.m.

Seattle Municipal Tower—Arcade Level

TTAPP Central — TTAAPP Central is a Seattle based urban youth dance company composed of dancers age ten to nineteen. They have earned a reputation for fostering talents in some of the finest young African American dancers in Seattle. Performing excerpts of the production "African American Odyssey", they will present a celebration of African American history through dance, song and poetry.

Questions? Contact Melba Ayco—206-915-1364

CULTURAL AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

Race and Social Justice Initiative Panel Discussion

February 22nd

Seattle Municipal Tower Room 1610

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Panelist are:

- Germaine Covington, Office of Civil Rights
- Mickey Fearn, Race & Social Justice
- Tom Tanner, Seattle Public Utilities (RSJI leadership)

Bring your questions about the Mayor's Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) and the RSJI efforts SPU is making. Come to learn more or just come to listen.

For details contact Tokunbo Fatuga at 206-684-5191.

Additional workshops are pending.

Please check the website for future workshops at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/blackhistory/2006/>

The Race and Social Justice Initiative is a citywide effort to end institutionalized racism in City government, and to create a



community that is enriched by its diverse cultures, with full participation by all its residents.